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Mr. Silas McBee,

200 Fifth Avenue,

New York.

Dear Mr. McBee:

I am much interested in the articles of the "Constructive Quarterly", and I was reading the last issue a few days ago. The article by the Rev. R. Kelly I have not yet read, except a few of its paragraphs, but I shall now go into it more carefully. I am really not in a position to make a reply to this article, but I will have a talk with Professor Kilpatrick of Knox College, who holds the chair of Systematic Theology, and who was a member of the committee to draw up the doctrinal basis of Union. He may be willing to undertake to write something. I am afraid, however, that he would not be able to have it prepared before the first of November, though I will ask him.

I was much interested in my friend Cairns's article in your last number.

I hope that you are getting encouragement in your venture and if I can be of any assistance to you in the future, if you will let me know I will endeavour to do what I can.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 11th, 1917

Mr. Silas McBee,

200 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. McBee:

I have just received your letter. Before I had got an answer I had on my own responsibility spoken to Professor Kilpatrick about answering Father Kelly's article, and he is quite willing to do so. I am sure that he will do it in a very competent way, as he was a member of the committee and is a scholar of wide reputation. I, myself, could not undertake to do it. Not only is my theological knowledge insufficient, but I have not the time at present to undertake such a piece of work. It is true that I am chairman of the Union Committee of the Presbyterian Church, but at present I do not wish to make any public pronouncement. Until the end of the war we are not taking any further steps, and I do not wish to appear in any role that might seem to be partially propagandist. I am confident, however, that Professor Kilpatrick will do the work well. He told me this week, when I mentioned the matter to him, that he could hardly have the article ready by the first of December, but would like to know what is the latest date you could allow him provided you need it for the December issue.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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January 25th, 1918

Mr. Silas McPee,

200 Fifth Avenue,

New York.

Dear Mr. McPee:

I should like to be able to help you in regard to the sketch of A. B. Davidson, but at present I am very busy. However, I will answer in the affirmative if you will let me have some time and if the sketch is not too long. Will you please let me know how many words you would require and the latest date you would expect to have it ? There are other men on this continent who are probably able to give a better outline of Davidson's work than I could give, for example Professor Shaw of Halifax, but I will do my best for you provided the requirements are such as not to go beyond my possibilities.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

February 4th, 1918

Mr. Silas McPee,

200 Fifth Avenue,

New York.

Dear Mr. McPee:

I certainly would let you have my article by the 15th of April, but I would like to know whether you want more than one or two thousand words. I am rather in doubt as to the kind of article you would like to have.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 15th, 1918

Mr. Silas McBee,

244 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. McBee:

I am returning the proof of my article on Davisson, which I have modified in a number of places, particularly at the close. I hope, however, that these changes are not too serious.

With regard to your suggestion that I might alter the opening paragraph, I hesitate to do so for the reason that I really need to apologise for writing an article on Davisson seeing that I was never one of his special students.

I have found it rather difficult to see how I could work in the extract that you sent me from the article by Dr. Watson in the "Tritian Weekly". It is very interesting, but I am afraid that I could not make very much use of it.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 5th, 1918

Mr. Silas McPee,

"Constructive Quarterly",

244 Madison Avenue, New York.

Dear Mr. McPee:

I have just received your cheque for fifty dollars as an honorarium for my article. For this please accept my best thanks. When I wrote the article for you I did not expect any remuneration at all.

I hope that your journal will continue to fill a large place of usefulness. I heard it very favourably commented upon last week by a gentleman who was competent to judge. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.